GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MENACE OF JAUNDICE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the menace of jaundice is on the rise in Delhi, Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps so far to check it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(d): Jaundice is most commonly caused by Viral Hepatitis arising out of infection with Hepatitis A,B,C,D, E & G viruses. As per information furnished by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of Viral Hepatitis cases reported by the States/U.Ts during the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 were 1,49,262; 1,35,859 & 1,50,953 respectively. Unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation, hygiene are some of the important causes of Jaundice. Provision of safe drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and treatment of Jaundice is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes such as Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Swajaldhara Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana - Rural Drinking Water, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi provides technical support to the State Governments and undertakes surveillance, early detection and prevention of control of outbreak of communicable diseases including Jaundice.